



The QUARAE



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Prez Says.....

I hope everyone had a good Memorial day weekend! It was the “unofficial” beginning of summer so let’s all have a great “official” summer in the months ahead. Coming up on June 23 & 24 is one of the best weekends for amateur radio, “Field Day”. The RAE field day will be held at the RAE clubhouse on Wagner Road. We will start setting up on Friday afternoon, June 22 at 2pm. then Saturday at 2pm the fun starts. We will probably run as W3GV 4A WPA as we usually do, so plan on stopping by and operate one of the radios. We will be there for all 24 hours of operation.

Also don’t forget the public service events coming up this summer. I have been a little DISAPPOINTED in the response I received for the first couple of events. Public service is one of the ways we can assist the various organizations that ask for our help. Public service is one of the main things we do as amateurs and it helps let the public know what amateur radio does to serve our community.

So Please Volunteer!!!!

Thanks & 73,

Doug AD4UL

May General Meeting Minutes

A Regular meeting of the Radio Association of Erie (RAE) was held on May 3rd 2012 at the RAE

Clubhouse on Wagner Rd. The president and secretary were present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by chair Doug Sweet AD4UL at 1900.

Program; Ron Prindle N3BXL gave a presentation on packet radio, specifically the radio used at the Erie Red Cross and the simplicity of the interface, software and a demonstration to use such equipment in the event of a deployment.

Guests; W3ZEF Donald Melpolder

Sick call; N3LPO Sue Seybolt

Secretary report; minutes are approved, nothing to report.

Treasurer report; checking balanced with the \$35.00 check outstanding still. Finances in good shape.

Two new members tonight. Budget report was given.

Board; chairperson is auditing the finances on a monthly basis and is happy with the results this year so far

Membership; Stands at 103 as of this meeting.

Repeater; Jeremy Lobaugh KB3BAM- no issues. 61 clock is gone. 82 not sure why the clock loses time, asked arcom, they insisted we buy more equipment. 82 needs a null modem cable and a new filter to replace the one from Adam KB3THU. A 440 rig was needed for echolink, hamfests are upcoming...

Public service; March of Dimes 2012 was past weekend, 2000-2500 people walked. We assisted in finding a lost boy. Future events are June 2 the



**Radio Association of Erie
Club Meeting – Thursday
June 7 at the club house
at the end of Wagner Rd.**

6:30 Hot dogs

7:00 PM- General Meeting

Program: Pot Luck

Edinboro Triathlon and June 10 MS Bide Ride.
Website; swap n shop still down and some typos were fixed.
QUARAE; John Lindvay absent, Doug AD4UL commented he is doing a good job.
Clubhouse; cleanup done, plenty of comments on a job well done to those who helped.
Contesting; Maryland 1st place plaque was hung on the wall. This weekend is the New England QSO Party and the Boy Scouts
Field day; was decided to take place at the clubhouse. We also would like an increase in participation.
New business; a motion was made by Ron WB3DOM to send \$50.00 to the ARRL for their request in some equipment. It was seconded and approved. Motion carried.
Hamfest; Ripley June 6th at the fire hall at 8am and WWA July 14th at 9333 Tate Rd at 7:30am.
Breezeshooters tickets we received were raffled off and the 50/50 was won by Jafa Armagost KB3VJZ
Motion to adjourn by Adam KB3THU was seconded, approved, and carried at 2030.
Adam Kernohan

June 9th, 1924 Time Magazine

A citizen of Bournemouth, England, went to Cardiff on a business trip, had a heart seizure. Immediately he telephoned to his Bournemouth doctor. Then he marched to a Cardiff radio station, arranged to have his heart beats broadcast during the interval of a morning program. The Bournemouth physician listened in, telephoned treatment.

April Board Meeting Minutes

A Board of Directors meeting of the Radio Association of Erie was held on 26 April 2012 at the Erie Chapter of the American Red Cross. The president and secretary present, there was a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Ron Prindle N3BXL at 1900.

Present were N3BXL WB3IFD KB3THU K3PLV AD4UL WB3DOM KB3NAT & N3SRF. Absent KA3UTD

Budget- automatic withdraw was set-up with penelec to pay bill when due. Accounts are balanced with the exception of the outstanding \$35.00 for the PA QSO Party. Insurance is due in May.

Events-AD4UL 2013 Tall Ships- are we having a special event station? Bring up to the membership.

Location was discussed – waterfront, frontier park, where the cardboard regatta is... There was a motion on the floor by KB3THU to renew the Lighthouse Society. It was seconded and approved. Clubhouse- cleanup was a success. Shutters not done. WB3IFD is looking at obtaining and donating a 40 meter 2 element beam if the club thinks it will be used. It was suggested that the amps at the clubhouse be looked over and reconditioned if needed. Water pump has a pressure problem, ask membership if they could help solve it. 80 meter antenna is down. Maybe with these antennas and the new radio, club participation on site would increase.

Meeting- possibility of a quarterly board meeting... Regular meeting food was discussed and agreed upon.

It was noted the airport was to auction of some equipment. Club may have some interest when a list comes out.

Finances-N3BXL “we are in good shape for now”, we are supporting ourselves good thus far
Insurance- a report will be in the next following month or two. N3BXL gave his summary of a couple of “incidents” as examples to clear up some legalese.

EOC’S- it was discussed how things have changed in the past years or so with equipment and training.
Repeater- Matt and Jeremy absent.

Adjourned at 2029

Adam Kernohan KB3THU

October 24, 1932 Time Magazine

Eastern Air Transport's energetic publicity department last week made copy of the letters "ZAA." The letters are a radio signal, not new but not previously publicized. Flashed by an E. A. T. copilot to his ground station it means the opposite of SOS: "m at proper position, flying on schedule, nothing to report."

Aircraft radio is slowly producing a lexicon of abbreviations which some day may be as familiar as nautical signals. The U. S. public hears little about them because all domestic transport lines, Eastern Air excepted, use radiophone (voice) transmission. E. A. T. planes are equipped with radiophone for short distances, the more penetrating dot-dash radio telegraph for long range. Pan American Airways, whose ground stations are far spaced through tropical latitudes where static is frequently bad, uses code telegraph exclusively. Phone-users may, if reception is poor, whistle their messages in dots & dashes.

All radio telegraph-equipped airlines use the International Morse Code, with special aeronautical signals, among them: QAA—When do you expect to arrive? QAE—Have you news of (certain air-craft)? QAJ—Must I look for another aircraft in my neighborhood? QAL—I shall land at — QAO—Give me latest information concerning upper wind.

May Board Minutes

The May meeting of the board was a lock out. The members that attended did not know the combination of get into the Red Cross Building and instead we had a tail gate party and an eyeball QSO. There were not enough members for a quorum, so no business was conducted. The only members present were Doug Sweet AD4UL, Adam Kernoham KB3THU, Craig Hill K3PLV and John Lindvay WB3IFD

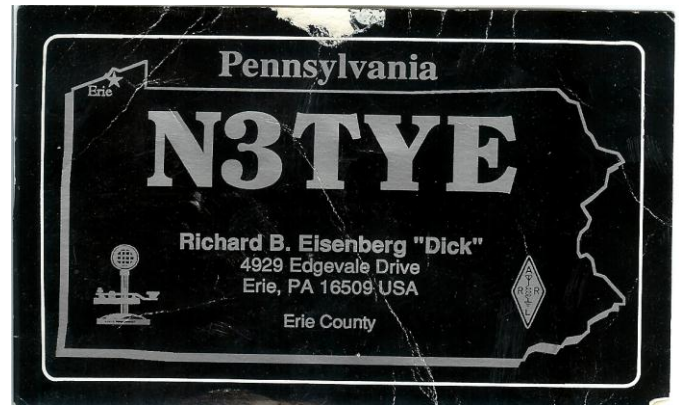
Oldest Amateur??



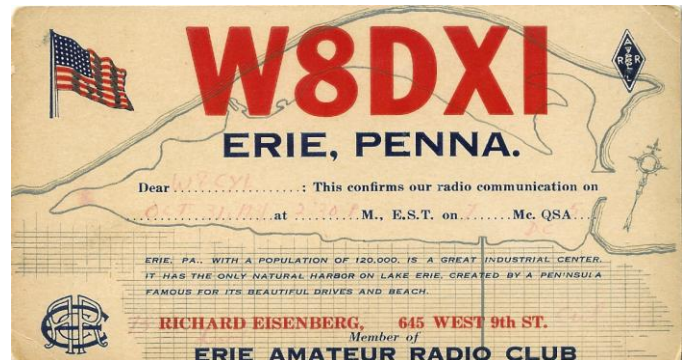
“Doc” Eisenberg N3TYE

Who is the oldest ham in Erie County? This question has intrigued me for many a year. Is it Dawson Bliley or someone else? I have scoured old call books looking for early hams, but I discovered this fellow a different way. I am preparing a directory of ham radio operators for the club. I notice a Richard Eisenberg in some old directories, and at first I thought was this the Richard

Eisenberg WH6KQ at the Bayfront Marine Center? After talking to him I found out it was his father who was 94 years old and living at Forestview at Springhill on Rte 99 just south of the mall. Forestview is a nursing home.



Joe Ponchak and I went up to see him. Richard “Dick” Eisenberg was born in 1916. He grew up next door to Dawson Bliley at 645 West 9th Street. He received his ham license while he was a student at Gridley School around age 14 in 1930. His first call letters were W8DXI.



Back then, you worked CW or “sparks” and you built your own equipment. His first transmitter put out 15 watts into a random wire antenna strung out in the back yard. He remembers that CW was this wide (hands together) and “sparks” was this wide (hands far apart). Though his station was modest, he worked a lot of DX. His first DX contact was with England. Dick attended Strong Vincent and then went on to college in Philadelphia where he became a medical doctor. Dick enlisted in the Army for World War II. At first he was afraid they were going to use him in communications due to his skill at a CW operator, but his fears were put to rest, as he became an Army Medical Doctor. On the ship to England he remembers hearing the messages being sent and received via Morse code and to be able to copy them in his head. “Doc” doesn’t

remember who was the first ham, but he remembers Dawson Bliley, 8AG, Otto Herbst, W8KD, and Vic Brotherson, 8BHN also were hams back then. Doc went on to become a pathologist at St. Vincent hospital for the next 20 years. He was most comfortable working CW almost exclusively. Doc is not active these days but he still maintains his call of N3TYE. To learn more about the history of ham radio in Erie County visit the Dawson Bliley web site http://www.bliley.net/XTAL/docs/history-PDF/BEC_History-HR.pdf and Radio Association of Erie History Information <http://w3gv.org/club-history/> So who is the oldest ham in Erie County? We still don't know.

All the shacks in all the towns in all the world, and the FCC walks into mine. -- Bogie

Hamfest Season Begins

Already the Ripley and Breezeshooter's hamfest has taken place. If you missed them, here are some others you can attend.

Jun 30 2012 - Rochester Hamfest. Location: Rochester Institute of Technology - Talk-in: 146.79- 110.9pl -. Website: <http://www.rochesterhamfest.org/>

July 7th 2012 - North Hills ARC hamfest. Location: New location! Parkwood United Presbyterian Church 4289 Mount Royal Blvd. Allison Park, PA 15101 - Talk-in 147.090+. Contact: Cathy Heiles KB3OYS kb3iys@hotmail.com

July TBD (Here is last year's information) - Somerset County Amateur Radio Club – Location: Somerset County Technology Center Talk-in: 147.195+ - VE testing – Large vendors Website: www.k3smt.org

July TBD (Here is last year's information) - Foothills ARC – Location: Greensburg Hose Company #1 6 McLaughlin Drive. Greensburg, PA Contact: Frank J. Rossi, Jr., N3FLR at 724-989-

0462 or N3FLR@arrl.net Talk-in: 147.180+ (PL 131.8)

July 14th, 2012- WWA and Union City Hamfest – Location: Greene Township Municipal Building 9333 Tate Road, Erie PA. Talk-in 146.70 PL 186.2. 7:30 AM to 11 AM www.nw-pa-hamfest.com

July 21st, 2012 – Batavia Hamfest Lancaster Amateur Radio Club- Location: Alexander Fireman Grounds Route 98, Alexander, NY 15405 Contact: Luke Calianno N2GDU at 716-481-5747 luke48@gmail.com <http://larc.hamgate.net> Talk-in: 147.285 PL 141.3 & 147.255 PL 107.2

July 29th 2012 - Portage Amateur Radio Club. Location: Portage County Fairgrounds, State Route 44, Randolph, OH. Talk-in: 145.390-. Contact: Joanne Solak, KJ3O/8 at 330-274-8240 or kj3o@arrl.net Website: <http://Hamfair.com>

August 26th 2012 - Skyview Radio Society Swap N Shop! ARRL Western PA Section Convention! - Location: Skyview Radio Society clubhouse grounds. 2335 Turkey Ridge Road. New Kensington, PA. 15068. Talk-in: 146.640- 131.8pl. Contact: Pat Cancro, NK3P jpc2@psu.edu. Website: www.skyviewradio.net

September 1st 2012 - Uniontown ARC Gabfest. Location: Uniontown ARC club grounds, on Old Pittsburgh Great breakfasts and lunches served - Road just off of Rt. 51 and Rt. 119. Talk-in 147.045+ 131.8pl - Contact: George Syner, WA3OGQ or Mike Kosco, KA3WOI Website: www.w3pie.org

September TBD (Here is last year's information) - Butler County Amateur Radio Association Location: Unionville Fire Hall on Route 8 north of Butler – Talk-in: 147.360+ 131.8pl - Web site: www.w3udx.org/

September 23rd 2012 - Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show. Location: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. 164 Eastland Road. Talk-in: 146.730- 110.9pl. Contact: Glen Williams, AF8C info-list@hac.org <http://www.hac.org>

September 30th 2012- Monessen Amateur Radio Club (MARC - W3CSL) – Location: Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Hall, Fells Church Rd. off of Rt. 51 – Contact: Chris Grilli W3CDU at grilli@verizon.net Talk-in: 147.225(+) - www.w3csl.com

June 30 – Rochester, NY Hamfest

November 4th 2012 - WACOM hamfest Location: Washington County Fairgrounds 2151 North Main St. Washington, PA Talk-in 145.190- Website: www.wacomarc.org - Much larger buildings at the grounds this year! Breakfast and lunch served – Free coffee - VE session at 10:00am – DXCC and WAS card checking - Contact person: Bud Plants, N3TIR bud@n3tir.com Talk-in 145.490-

Here's QSLing you kid – Bogie

Radio Calendar

June 5 - Radio Amateurs of Corry Meeting 6:30 PM at the Red Cross Building, Caravan to Field day site. Contact KA3RDA for details.

June 7 – RAE meeting 6PM for hotdogs. 7 PM meeting.

June 9 – ARRL VHF QSO Party

June 9 & 10 MS Society Bike Ride

June 12 – WWA meeting 6 PM for hotdogs 7 PM for meeting.

June 14 – Union City Wireless meeting 7 PM

June 16 – West Virginia QSO Party

June 17 - Father's Day. Buy your father an HT.

June 23 – Field Day

June 30 – Lake Erie Bay Swim